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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YUICHI HIGUCHI, et al. )  
Application No.: 08/909,966 )  
Filed: August 12, 1997 )  
For: PRINTING APPARATUS AND )  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2000 for three months from December 13, 2000 to March 13, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$890.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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